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1. AS FOOTNOTE TO AMBASSADOR PARKER'S COMMENT (PARA 6 REFTEL), WE WOULD ADD THAT SINCE ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR THIS MISSION'S POLICY HAS BEEN TO DISCOURAGE PRIVATE TRAVEL BY AMERICAN CITIZENS IN FAR SOUTH OF MOROCCO AND IN NEIGHBORING AREAS OF FORMER SPANISH SAHARA. WE HAVE NOT WISHED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THIS POSITION, BUT CONSULAR OFFICERS IN RABAT, CASABLANCA AND TANGIER HAVE BEEN GIVEN APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN USING IN COUNSELING AMERICAN TOURISTS STOPPING BY. MISSION PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONSULT POST SECURITY OFFICER BEFORE EMBARKING ON EXTENSIVE TRAVEL IN MOROCCO.

2. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE COUNSELING TOURISTS AGAINST
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TAKING TRIPS THAT TAKE THEM APPRECIABLY SOUTH OF

AGADIR OR OUARZAZATE.

3. ALL CONCERNED MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM ARE, OF
COURSE, KEEPING THIS MATTER UNDER CONTINUING REVIEW.
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